Obituaries

Willie E. Doss

Willie Edward Doss, 82, Route 2, Madison Heights, died at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, July 1 in Lynchburg General Hospital, following a short illness. He was the husband of the late Gracie Cheatham Doss.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Russell Walter and Kate Wooldridge Doss. He was a retired farmer and attended the Beulah United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, James R. Doss Sr. and T. Milton Doss; a daughter, Mrs. R. A. Brizendine; a brother, Leonard Doss, and three sisters, Ann D. Thomas, Viola D. Hartless, and Tressie D. Mayberry, all of Madison Heights, and two grandchildren, James (Jimmy) R. Doss Jr., Madison Heights, and Mrs. Gracie B. Musher, Crofton, Md.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Marvin T. Suitt. Burial was in Bayley's Chapel United Methodist Church cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Langhorne Scruggs

Mrs. Alice Bryant Scruggs, 69, of 1201 Long Meadows Drive died at 7:35 a.m. Friday, July 2, at Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital, following a short illness. She was the wife of Langhorne Scruggs.

Born in Buckingham County, she was a daughter of the late Grover Cleveland and Nannie Burnley Bryant. She was a retired employee of Clean Craft Cleaners and a member of West Lynchburg Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, L. T. Scruggs of Lynchburg; two daughters, Mrs. Reeves B. (Betty) Martin of Madison Heights and Mrs. R. D. (Sue) Dearing of Lynchburg; four brothers, John Bryant of Concord, Thomas Bryant of Concord, Thomas Bryant and George Bryant, both of Lynchburg, and Lindy Bryant of Forest; three sisters, Elizabeth B. Thomas, Geniva B. Johnson and Lois B. Ayers, all of Lynchburg; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. James D. Newman. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Inice Pugh Wooldridge

Inice Pugh Wooldridge, 83, died Wednesday morning, June 30 in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the widow of Travis T. Wooldridge.

Born in Appomattox, she was a daughter of the late John R. and Eugenia Wooldridge Pugh. She was a member of Old Wesley Chapel Methodist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lloyd M. (Marvis) Ferguson, Lynchburg, and Mrs. George P. (Virginia) Brannon, Appomattox) a brother, Esmond Pugh, Spout Spring; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday from Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Roy Martin. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Resident donates antique table

An Appomattox County resident has given a rare 18th century table to Red Hill Shrine. The table originally belonged to the Revolutionary patriot and orator Patrick Henry.

George H. Shreve of Appomattox made the gift to the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation, proprietors of the historic site and museum near Brookneal.

In making the announcement, Patrick Daily, Foundation Director and Curator, indicated that the table was part of Patrick Henry's furniture at Red Hill during his occupancy from 1794-1799.

"We're very pleased," Daily said "to accept this special item. Mr. Shreve wanted to make this table available for everyone to see and enjoy in its original setting."

The country Hepplewhite style walnut tea table was built circa 1790 and used for dining purposes. The table top is designed to fold, or "tilt" when not in use.

Red Hill Shrine is located off of Route 40 and is open daily.

Kinser to speak at Maple Grove Baptist

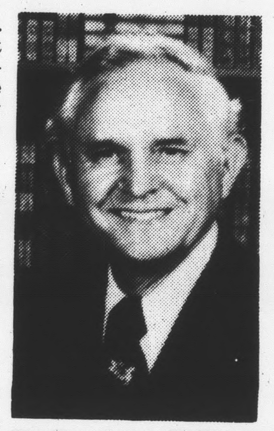
The Rev. James H. Kinser will be the guest evangelist at revival services to be held at Maple Grove Baptist Church July 18-23 at 8 p.m. each evening.

Kinser is superintendent of missions for East Tennessee Baptist Association at Newport, Tennessee.

Sunday, July 18, the church will have Homecoming and lunch will be served.

There will be special music each night.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services.



The Rev. James H. Kinser

At Mt. Shiloh

Celebration set

The congregation of Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church will celebrate the first anniversary of their pastor, this Sunday, July 11 at 11 a.m. Speaker for the event will be Rev. James Johnson. All members and friends are asked to come out and help make this a joyous occasion.

Members of the New Image Youth Club and their parents are to meet at the church Saturday at 1 p.m. for the picnic trip to Holiday Lake.

Thought for the day: All the glory and beauty of Christ are manifested within, and there he delights to dwell; his visits are frequent, his condescension amazing; and the peace that he brings passes all understanding.

Galilee news

This coming Sunday at 6 p.m., the Youth Service Department of Galilee Baptist Church will present a "Gospel Extravaganza". The Gospel Entertainers and The Wesley Brothers of Cullen, VA, will be featured guest. The groups are well known for their soul-stirring selections, and have drawn capacity crowds wherever they appear.

Rev. Donnie Ray of Lynchburg delivered an inspiring sermon last Sunday. The YSD singers were in charge of music.

Mr. Floyd Oran Palmer of Richmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Palmer was in attendance. The former Miss Lind West and family of Richmond, were also at our services, along with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis and son of Washington, D.C.

Mt. Pleasant

Beginning this Sunday, services at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Edward Jones, his wife, and their three children were guests at church last Sunday. He delivered a great message, taking his text from the Book of John, ninth chapter, 25th verse, "I once was blind but now I see."

The young adults wish to thank everyone who came out and made their program a success. The Rev. and Mrs. Napier sang with the choir.

The Sunshine, Junior and Young Adult Choirs visited Alabama Baptist Church last Sunday night to be with the Junior Choir there on their birthday.

The Rev. Napier and his wife, the Rev. Edward and his wife and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker recently. Deacon Robert Chambers also visited the Walker home.

The Miller family of Wilmington, Del., will be at Mt. Pleasant Saturday night at 7 p.m. Come out and hear some good singing.

Due to the program Saturday night, our Pastor's Aid meeting will be held at 5 p.m. The Ladies' Aid meeting will be held at 6 p.m. The Walker and Woolridge families will be at the church the weekend of July 16. Come aboard.

The pageant, "Ladies in White" will be held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Sunday, July 11 at 6 p.m. It will be sponsored by the Deaconess Board. The public is cordially invited to attend and support this program.

The Ladies Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Lucille Martin at 1:30 p.m. this coming Sunday. All members are urged to attend.

The Carver-Price classes of 1950 thru 1954, held reunion exercises in Appomattox this past week end. Class members from various parts of this state and the country were present. The gala events included a special reunion service held at the Springfield Baptist Church of which Rev. Harriosn Kelso, a class member, is pastor.

A special church meeting will be held this Saturday at 6 p.m. Please plan now to attend.

Mrs. Goldie Fleshman is improving at her home. Let us pray for her speedy recovery.

Have a spiritual week and may God continue to smile on us all. LOVE-PEACE-HAPPINESS.

Bible & Daily Living

Faith and power

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

Stephen: Man of Faith and Power

Lesson for July 11, 1982 Bible Study Passages: Acts 6:1-6; 8-10; 7:58-60

INTRODUCTION

Some people never live long enough to bless us with their tremendous wisdom and gifts. It was said of Jack Benny at his funeral, "Jack Benny didn't give us enough."

I attended a Neil Diamond concert several years ago. Even after two encores, we were still clamoring for more of his moving music.

Occasionally, we go to a movie whose ending leaves us feeling as if we didn't see enough and that we would easily sit through it again. I always feel this way at the end of a thrilling canoe trip. Just let me ride those rapids once more!

This week we study a man whose life and potential ended much too soon. Stephen was a Christian martyr who may have been another Paul or a Gospel writer had he lived longer. We may have read the Gospel according to St. Stephen had he not suffered the death of a martyr.

Stephen experienced death at those people who saw him as a threat. The message he spoke went against the flow of the mainstream religious teachings of his day.

Chosen for Leadership [Acts 6:1-6]

With the honor of being chosen comes the responsibility to serve. This principle is applicable in all stations of life in our society. Pastors are called to serve. Lay ministers are called to serve. Politicians are elected to serve.

A dispute had arisen in the Church concerning the management of funds. The Disciples felt they could not manage the Church's business and still be available for prayer and ministry. The decision was made to appoint a committe of seven to oversee the business of the Church.

A man named Stephen headed the list of seven. He ws obivously a well-like person who was on the minds of all the Disciples. He was chosen because he was a man of great faith and "full of the Holy Spirit."

Stephen's Arrest [Acts 6:8 to 7:53]

The arrest of Stephen is told in the lengthy section of Acts 6:8. People who "outshine" others are sometimes perceived as a threat. People who espouse new ideas and tactics sometimes become the focus of hostility. Religious prejudice has often exhibited itself in the destruction of those who speak the truth in new ways.

Stephen was a man who managed to display his faith through "great wonders and miracles." His manner of preaching shook the foundations of the Jewish religious heritage. Perhaps those who heard and disagreed with Stephen saw and heard an echo of Jesus and his teachings on the temple as a center of Jewish national pride.

This raises the issue of the tendency to exalt the place of worship as the dwelling place of God and the shrine that embraces the "right theology." Our age has witnessed the erection of enormous and expensive edifices in the name and honor of God. Some, no doubt, have been built as a monument to a person rather than to God.

A Death Sentence [Acts 7:58-60]

Stephen was accused of the highest order of blasphemy, namely, that he could actually see Jesus standing at the right hand of God. In some distant way, the death of Stephen echoes the death of Christ. He was placed on trial before the Sanhedrin and following his verdict of guilty, he was stoned by a mob.

The greatness of Stephen is seen in this humility and compassion before his accusers. As the stones pelted his body, he prayed to the Lord a prayer much like the one Jesus prayed, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."

To pray for one's enemies is to rise above the norm. We are taught from youth to wage war against enemies, but Jesus and Stephen display the ultimate response of forgiveness.

Dr. Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois (WL-YP).

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Appomattox Assembly to meet Thursday

The Appomattox County Assembly will hold its regular meeting Thursday night in the Middle School Annex.

We are expecting a large turn out for this meeting, for this organization is designed to help the citizens of this county.

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